



GULFPORT VENDOR APPLICATION



SEPTEMBER 19
2026
9:00AM-5:00PM

- Local Artists
- Live Music
- Delicious Food



The Gulfport Arts Center is proud to introduce the Gulfport Art Festival to be held on September 19, 2026 in downtown Gulfport, Mississippi.

Participating Artists and Crafters will display work from a variety of mediums including painting, pottery, woodworking, mixed-media, stained glass, and other locally sourced and hand-crafted wares. The festival will also host artist demonstrations, live entertainment, educational sessions, and more.

This festival is made possible in partnership with the City of Gulfport and Gulfport Main Street Association as well as other local businesses in downtown Gulfport.

Please return completed Vendor Application to:
Gulfport Arts Center
1300 24th Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39501

BOOTH SPACES

Artists and crafters and food vendors must confine themselves to a 10' X 10' space or must buy a second booth. Vendors with a truck/trailer as their booth are granted a larger space to fit. There will be a wide selection of vendors and limited food and drink exhibitors.

FESTIVAL FEES

Application Fee.....	Free To Apply
Early Bird Arts & Craft Booth.....	\$100.00 before July 1, 2026
Regular Arts & Craft Booth.....	\$125.00 after July 1, 2026
Early Bird Food or Drink Booth.....	\$100.00 before July 1, 2026
Regular Food or Drink Booth.....	\$125.00 after July 1, 2026

Fees apply to all applicants. If your application is not accepted, the booth fee will be refunded. Payment must be included with applications in order to be considered. An accepted application is a commitment to the festival and no refund will be made for cancellations (no exceptions). No fee will be refunded due to inclement weather. Subletting of booth space is not allowed.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Gulfport Arts Festival selection committee makes their decision vendors based on originality and quality. Selection for artists and crafters is evaluated on the basis of recent photographs provided that best represent their products and style. Two photographs must showcase the applicant's works, products or food selections. One photograph must be of the applicant's booth.

STANDARDS

1. All items must be hand-crafted by the applicant. Vendors displaying manufactured items will be asked to remove them and may be barred from future participation.
2. Artists are expected to accompany their work during the duration of the festival and are expected to have their booth manned at all times.
3. Vendors bear the responsibility for all setup and security needs for their exhibits. The Gulfport Arts Center are not responsible for loss or damage of any kind.
4. Vendors must provide their own booths, racks, tables and chairs. They must also be prepared for the possibility of inclement weather conditions such as wind or rain. **NO STAKES ALLOWED.**
5. Each booth will display the work of one artist, crafter or food vendor (or members of their creative team). There will be no sharing of space with other creators.
6. No on-site gas-powered generators are allowed. No amplified music permitted.
7. This is a family-friendly festival for spectators of all ages - displays must be kept appropriate or may be subject to removal by festival coordinators.
8. Food vendors who cook on site are advised to avoid using cooking oil. All equipment must be in compliance with the Mississippi Department of Health. No electrical hookups available.
9. As required by MS State Tax Commission, sales tax of 7% (an additional 2% for food & beverages) will be collected and turned into the Gulfport Arts Center Information Booth by 6 p.m., Saturday. All checks must be made out to the Gulfport Arts Center. No exceptions. Vendors who fail to submit their sales tax and paperwork will not be accepted in future.
10. **NONCOMPLIANCE WITH FESTIVAL STANDARDS & RULES MAY RESULT IN ELIMINATION FROM THIS YEAR'S AND FUTURE FESTIVALS WITHOUT REFUND OF ANY FEES.**

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VENDOR APPLICATION

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Description of Product: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Price range of your work \$ _____

I plan to demonstrate my work during the festival. () Yes () No

Have you participated in other festivals: _____

Special Requests: _____

Food Vendors - Do you require electricity?: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

___ Number of art/craft booths (10 x 10)

___ Number of food booths (10 x 10) LIMITED AVAILABILITY

___ Number of trailers (space to fit) LIMITED AVAILABILITY

___ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED. Checks to be made out to: Gulfport Arts Center

___ Also Include: A minimum of 2 photos of work & 1 of booth set up.

Failure to provide any of the above requested documents, payment, or images will result in immediate rejection of application. **Please return completed Vendor Application to: Gulfport Arts Center, 1300 24th Avenue, Gulfport, MS, 39501.**

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Your signature affirms that you have read and understood the aforementioned conditions and standards of the 2nd Annual Gulfport Arts Festival and agree to abide by these regulations.

NO REFUND OR RAIN DATE!

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

Accepted: _____ Denied: _____

Letter Sent: _____

Electricity: _____

Paid Check Number & Amount: _____

Cash: _____

Notes: _____